

30 June 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Historical Staff
SUBJECT : Status of the DDS Historical Program,
Last Half of FY 72 (1 Jan-30 June 72)

General

1. During the period in review, the Support Services historical program has reached 70 percent completion -- 45 of the 70 histories planned have now been published (see Attachments A and C). Ten DDS histories were disseminated between January and June 1972 (see Attachment B). Of the 25 histories remaining to be published, almost 90 percent (23 histories) are in the final stages of revision -- two, in fact, are back to the components for the signatures of the Office Directors (see Attachment D). With the exceptions noted in Pars. 2-5, below, the catching-up phase of the DDS program will be completed by the end of the first quarter of FY 73.

Over-all Review of Status of Writers

2. Including Mr. [redacted] who completed the history of Personnel Administration in April, there were three full-time writers on the Support historical program during the last six months of FY 72 -- the other two being [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] was responsible for the three Security histories which were published in this reporting period, and he still has at least one major revision (Personnel Security) to complete. Mr. [redacted] after completing some nine volumes of OTR history, spent a few weeks doing some much needed editorial and rewriting jobs on DDS, DDI, and DCI papers; and for the past two months he has been assigned as a full-time writer to the Office of Medical Services. With Mr. [redacted] assignment to OMS, several of the OMS histories on the catching-up period will be completed by the end of calendar 1972 -- this was a doubtful prospect prior to Mr. [redacted]'s assignment. As this report is being written, most of Mr. [redacted] time is being spent on Project 5.040, Psychological Services.

Problems

3. Aside from the delay in OMS papers which has been noted and the tying up some odds and ends on a few Logistics and Training histories now in final typing, the SSHO's only serious concern regarding completion of component histories has to do with the Office of Personnel. A revised version of the Honor and Merit Awards report was requested in March 1972, but the paper has not yet come back to the Historical Staff for final review. The Missing in Action history has not yet been seen in first draft, and Mr. [redacted] the author, has said that the draft is about half completed. Mr. [redacted] recently told the SSHO that because of the press of business in the retirement affairs/VIP office and shortages of personnel in the office he has had practically no time to work on the paper during the past six months. It is unfortunate that Personnel has failed to push on this paper, for it appears to be one that would meet the Executive Director-Comptroller's desire for activity-related histories.

4. In revising the history of the Planning and Construction of the Headquarters Building, the SSHO has been researching Col. White's Diary Notes for the 1952-63 period. Hopefully the organization and incorporation of these materials will be completed in time to submit the paper to Col. White for review early in August.

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5. No writing has been done on the over-all history of the DDS, but the search of the White Diary Notes re the Headquarters Building has led to an additional accumulation of data on the DDS. It should be recorded that processing of this material will require time, for the ratio of the SSHO's extracts from the Diary Notes runs about 1:6 or 1:7 greater than the number of items which Col. White himself suggested for historical use. An optimistic estimate would be that a first draft of the history of the DDS would be ready for review by the Historical Staff in the early fall of 1973.

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